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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This statement is filed in the application identified above pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. No representation is intended that a complete search has been made of the prior art or that no better art references than those listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are available. Many of these references were identified by another party as relevant to U.S. Patent No. 5,528,490, which is currently the subject of litigation in the matter of Charles E. Hill & Associates, Inc. v. CompuServe, Inc., Cause No. IP97-0434-C M/S, in the Southern District of Indiana. The present application is a continuation of Application Ser. No.

09/080,603, now U.S. Patent No. 6,131,088, which is a continuation of Application Ser. No. 08/747,275, now U.S. Patent No. 5,754,864, which is a division of Application Ser. No. 08/460,913, now U.S. Patent No. 5,761,649, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Ser. No. 07/866,867, filed April 10, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,528,490. The filing of this Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56(b).

Except for the references listed below, copies of the art references are not provided in accordance with 37 CFR§1.98(d), as these art references were cited by or submitted to the Office in the Prior Applications Ser. No. 09/080,603, now U.S. Patent No. 6,131,088, which is a continuation of Application Ser. No. 08/747,275, now U.S. Patent No. 5,754,864, which is a division of Application Ser. No. 08/460,913, now U.S. Patent No. 5,761,649, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Ser. No. 07/866,867, filed April 10, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,528,490, which are relied upon 35 USC§120 for an earlier filing date of April 10, 1992. The following documents were identified by another party as relevant to the '490 patent, which is currently the subject of litigation:

- 1) "Spring releases", W3 News, April 1992.
- 2) Alonso et al., "Data Caching Issues in an Information Retrieval System", ACM Transactions on Database Systems, Vol. 15, No. 3, September 1990.
- 3) Pu et al., "Replica Control in Distributed Systems: An Asynchronous Approach", ACM 0-89791-425-2/91/0005/0377, 1991.
- 4) Caplinger, M., "An Information System Based on Distributed Objects", ACM-0-89791-247-0/87/0010-126, 1987.
- 5) Roy, Sharon, Dr., "Designing a Campus-Wide Workstation Environment for Science and Engineering Instruction", ACM 0-89791-454-6/91/0010/0333, 1991.

- 6) Carey et al., "Data Caching Tradeoffs in Client-Server DBMS Architectures", ACM 0-89791-425-2/91/0005/0357, 1991.
- 7) Nelson et al, "Caching in the Sprite Network File System", ACM Transactions on Computer Systems, Vol. 6, No. 1, February 1988, pp. 134-154.
- 8) McCloghrie, K. and Rose, M., Editors, "Management Information Base for Network Management of TCP/IP-based internets: MIB-II", Network Working Group, March 1991, pp. 1-70.
- 9) Rose, M., and McCloughrie, K., Editors, "Structure and Identification of Management Information for TCP/IP-based internets", Network Working Group, August 1998, pp. 1-21.

None of the art cited is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

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Respectfully submitted,

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